



Elevenmile Fire

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Department of Agriculture

Forest Service  
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**September 14, 2015 – FINAL UPDATE UNLESS SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY OCCURES**

### **Challis, Idaho:**

**Date of Detection:** August 24, 2015

**Current Size:** 10,451 acres

**Location:** 15 miles West of Challis, Idaho

**Cause:** Lightning

**Containment:** 55%

### **Resources:**

Crews: 3

Helicopters: 1

Engines: 2

Total Personnel: 81

### **Summary:**

This will be the final update for the Elevenmile Fire unless significant activity or changes occur.

Relevant updates will continue to be provided as needed on Inciweb

(<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4569/>) and the Salmon-Challis National Forest Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>) pages.

As expected, the fire showed increased fire behavior and minimal growth yesterday due to warmer, dryer weather conditions and gusty winds. Isolated group torching was observed in drainages north of the Custer Motorway. Critical containment lines held due to the diligent efforts of current and previous work of firefighters. Light smoke from the fire settled in the Pahsimeroi Valley. Heavier smoke visible to the Northwest of Challis came from fires on neighboring forests.

Fire fighters will continue to monitor the entire fire area, mop up areas as needed, and rehabilitate fire areas. Work will continue to alleviate immediate hazards caused by the fire until the fire is fully contained or a significant storm reduces fire risk in the area. It is important to fire managers that impacts from the fire are addressed so that the public may enter the fire area safely and as soon as possible.

Weather forecasters have predicted an increasing chance of showers and thunderstorms today. Temperatures will cool dramatically by this evening, with rain and possible snow showers likely. Throughout the week, temperatures will continue to drop and rain and snow are predicted throughout the fire area.

Forest visitors should be aware of increased traffic along the Yankee Fork and Garden Creek roads as fire personnel travel to and from the fire area. Drive with caution and if conditions of the area are unknown contact local Forest offices or Fire Information for updated information. Fire and Forest Officials would like to remind the public that an area **closure is still in effect**.

- *The Custer Motorway (FS Road #070) is **CLOSED** at the Eightmile Campground and at Mill Creek Campground.*
- *Mill Creek, Eight Mile, and Mosquito Flat Campgrounds are **OPEN**.*
- *All designated state, county, and forest roads and trails defining the perimeter of the closure area are **OPEN**.*

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